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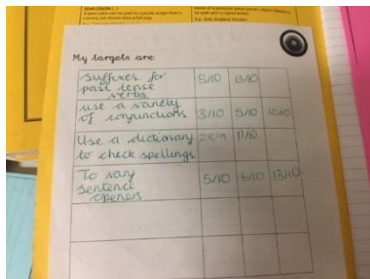
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Dear Parents / Carers

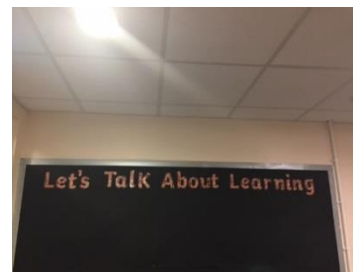
HEAD'S WEEKLY BULLETIN

Welcome to our new style newsletter! We thought it would make such a difference to you to find out from your child's teacher about the skills they have been learning that week. So, in the section below, teachers have just included a few lines about current learning.

Well, it has been another exciting week of learning at St Oswald's! It was lovely to see so many parents attend for parent consultation evening last week. There are many ways in which you can support your child's learning. One of the best things you can do is to read with your child regularly, as well as support your child in challenging them to learn their multiplication tables! Talking about learning, we are currently having a focus on training our children to talk about their learning. You may have noticed our new 'pupil talk' display board. We are training our children to talk about their English and maths targets and one of the ways in which you can support your child is to ask them about their learning targets, and what they have done today to help them to achieve their targets.



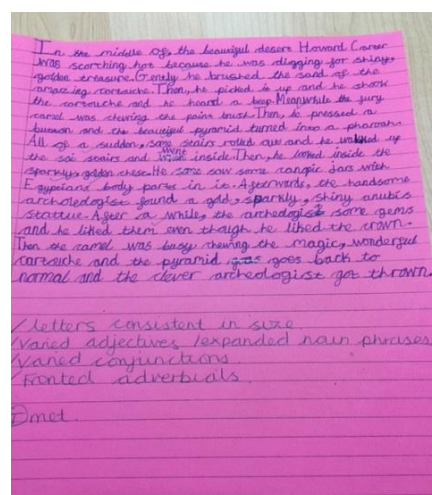
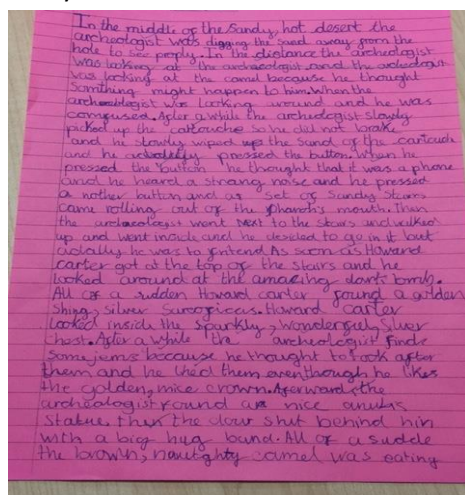
An example of writing targets and our new display



...and wait until you see our 'hot writing tasks'!

Every four weeks, we start a new sequence of teaching for English. These begin with a 'cold write' – this is children writing coldly before they have had any teaching or input around a particular writing skill or curriculum content. Four weeks later, children produce their 'hot write' whereby they can showcase the impact of their learning. I am very proud of these examples from year 3:

Our
Year 3
Star
Writers!



POUND COINS



The legal tender status of the old round £1 coin will be withdrawn from 23.59 on Sunday 15th October 2017. From this date school will no longer accept these coins, but you will still be able to take them to your bank. From today, 16th October 2017 we will only be able to accept the new pound coin.

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING IN SCHOOL

What we are learning in Nursery

In maths we are learning to listen to and join in with number nursery rhymes. You can help at home by singing the number song '5 little ducks went swimming one day'. In Literacy we are learning to look at story books and turning the pages in the correct order. You can help at home by reading a bedtime story. In topic we are learning about Autumn and pumpkins. You can help at home by looking out for pumpkins in the supermarket and talking about their shape, size and colour.

What we are learning in Reception

In maths we are learning about counting up to 10, counting out the asking number of objects and recognising numbers up to 10. You can help at home by asking your child to count the number of plates on the dining table? How many forks/knives are needed? When out and about, spotting numbers, e.g. bus number, numbers on sign posts etc. In Literacy we are learning about Phase 2 letter sounds, blending to read CVC (consonant, vowel, consonant) words and tricky words (I, the, no, go, to, into). You can help at home by helping your child to complete their homework set by their class teacher, read them a story and encourage them to talk about the story. In topic we are learning about everyday Superheroes e.g. police, fire fighters, doctors, nurses, teachers, dinner staff etc. Also our focused stories are 'Super Kid' and 'The amazing adventures of the Bumblebee Boy.' You can help at home by talking to your child about who can help them at home? How all the above people are helpful to them? Ask your child to draw their favourite superhero, talk about it and write words to describe it. In science we are learning about Autumn and how leaves are changing their colour/shape and why? Children are looking at the similarities and difference between different leaves and discussing/ recording their findings. You can help at home by going for an autumn walk, collect conkers/ leaves and make a collage picture with your child. While making the picture discuss the changes that are happening to the leaves, e.g. some are brown and dark or mouldy/ some are orange or yellow/ some are big or small. You can also ask them to choose three different sized leaves and order them from longest to shortest.

What we are learning in Year 1

In maths we are learning about sequencing and comparing numbers to 10, identifying numbers to 100. You can help at home by pointing out numbers in the environment, practicing counting, looking at house numbers and how they get larger or smaller as you walk down the street. In Literacy we are learning about writing sentences to create part of a story and using full stops and capital letters. Some children are looking at how to change the openings of their sentences and how to use more exciting punctuation. We are also using our phonic knowledge to help with our writing. You can help at home by reading together and pointing out punctuation and interesting language. In topic we are learning about the seasons and how the leaves change in Autumn. We are also learning about Birds' Eye views. You can help at home by going on an Autumn walk and looking for signs of Autumn. You could collect things like Autumn leaves, conkers, sycamore seeds, pine cones and acorns to bring into school to talk about. In science we are learning about the different parts of trees and using identification sheets to identify different trees from their leaves. You can help at home by looking at leaves found on the floor and talking about how they are different.

What we are learning in Year 2

In maths we are learning about adding 2 digit numbers. We are practising counting to 100. You can help at home by counting with your child from 1 to 100. In Literacy we are learning about using the words and, because and so to extend our sentences. You can help at home by encouraging your child to write sentences remembering correct punctuation. In topic we are learning about The Great Fire of London, where it started and how fast it spread. You can help at home by looking at diaries and encouraging your child to write a diary like Samuel Pepys.

In science we are learning about animals and their young and survival. You can help at home by talking to your child about differences between things they need and things they want.

What we are learning in Year 3

In maths we are learning about addition and subtraction. We are starting to use the column method. You can help at home by practising this method. Please see the calculation policy on the school website or ask the teacher if you are unsure. In Literacy we are learning about how to write using expanded noun phrases, conjunctions and fronted adverbials. You can help at home by ensuring your child includes these in their homework. In topic we are learning about Ancient Egyptian pyramids and the Curse of Tutankhamun. You can help at home by researching further. There is lots of information on the British History Museum website <http://www.britishmuseum.org>.

What we are learning in Year 4

In maths we are learning about addition and subtraction. You can help at home by making sure that your child understands the place value of each digit in a given number and lines up the numbers in the correct place value place when laying out the calculation. In Literacy we are learning about expanded noun phrases and fronted adverbials. You can help at home by asking your child to give examples to you from books they are reading. In topic we are learning about the different foods that are available in Bradford. You can help at home by talking about the different foods that are available in Bradford and why they are found in Bradford. In science we are learning about sound and how it travels. You can help at home by encouraging your child to notice the sounds around them.

What we are learning in Year 5

In maths we are learning about addition and subtraction. We are learning how to tackle reasoning problems by discussing the problem as a group. You can help at home by reminding your child to log on to Sumdog to practise their Maths skills. In Literacy we are planning and drafting our non-chronological reports comparing different aspects of Roman and Viking lifestyle. You can help at home by encouraging your child to log on to the BBC bitesize website to find out some facts about Roman and Viking foods. In topic we have started with our new topic about Earth and Space. You can help at home by going to the local library to loan books out about Earth and Space.

What we are learning in Year 6

In maths we are learning about division and fractions of amounts. You can help at home by asking your child to practice their times tables and division methods. In Literacy we are learning about narrative writing and we are writing our own stories. You can help at home by asking your child to tell you about their story and practice their spellings. In topic we are learning about Paris. We will be covering history and geography. You can help by researching the city of Paris.

Star Learners of the Week

R Oak - Hiba Saqib
R Ash – Maryam Butt
1 Pine - Alayna Iqbal
1 Birch - Aadam Zaman
2 Maple – Lana Ali
2 Redwood – Hafza Butt
3 Beech - Mustafa Khan, also a mention to Maha Sharaz
3 Sycamore - Sonia Kousar, also a special mention to Haris Javid
4 Olive - Alisia Holdsworth
4 Poplar - Maria Gorolova
5 Rosewood - Zara Khan
5 Willow - Mustafa Hassaan
6 Cherry – Amelia Khan
6 Rowan – Hope Dixon



SCHOOL MENU – WEEK COMMENCING 16th OCTOBER 2017

All main meals are accompanied with seasonal vegetables or salad and either potatoes, rice, pasta, chapattis or naan bread.

Jacket potatoes, sandwiches, wraps and bread are available daily.

Fresh fruit and fruit yoghurts are available daily.

	MAIN	DESSERT
MONDAY 16 th OCTOBER 2017	Beef, Spinach and Broccoli Grill Halal Mumbai Meatballs Veggie Soya Shepherd's Pie Cheese Panini	Rice Pudding, Peaches and Jam Strawberry and Vanilla Mousse
TUESDAY 17 th OCTOBER 2017	Roast beef dinner Halal Chicken Tikka Masala Cheese and Onion Quiche Cheese Panini	Peach Oaty Crumble Fruit Jelly
WEDNESDAY 18 th OCTOBER 2017	Chilli Con Carne Halal Lasagne Mild Veggie Keema and Peas Cheese Panini	Mandarin Sponge Cream Cheese, Crackers & Fruit
THURSDAY 19 th OCTOBER 2017	Cheese and tomato pizza Jacket potatoes, sandwiches and wraps	Mixed Fruit Crumble Fresh Fruit Salad
FRIDAY 20 th OCTOBER 2017	Tempura Battered Fish Quorn Meatballs Cheese Panini	Jam Sponge Decorated Bun

AND FINALLY...

A reminder that school closes for half term this Friday, 20th October and re-opens at 8.45am on Monday 30th October. Enjoy your holiday!

Yours sincerely

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Head of School